

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claims 3 and 5 have been cancelled, while claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claims 3 and 5, and claims 4 and 6 have been amended to depend from claim 1; claims 10 and 11 have been cancelled, while claim 9 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claims 10 and 11, and claim 12 has been amended to depend from claim 9; claim 19 has been cancelled, while claim 17 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claim 19, and claims 20 and 22 have been amended to depend from claim 17; and claim 25 has been cancelled, while claim 23 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claim 25, and claim 26 has been amended to depend from claim 23. In addition, the claims have been amended for clarity.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 17, 18, 23 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,810,084 to Jun et al. in view of U.S. Patent 5,903,324 to Lyons et al. The Examiner has further rejected claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jun et al. in view of U.S. Patent 4,677,625 to Betts et al. Applicant acknowledges that the Examiner has found claims 5-8, 11-16, 19-22 and 25-29 allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the above changes, Applicant believes that the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections have been overcome.

Applicant believes that this application, containing claims 1, 2, 4, 6-9, 12-18, 20-24 and 26-29, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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